

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A mobile data acquisition device for use in deliveries, said mobile data acquisition device comprising:

a reader (2) for reading machine-readable data apposed to an object to be delivered;

an input system for receiving data identifying a recipient of the object being delivered, said input system being incorporated into a recipient identification reader (3), said recipient identification reader being adapted to read machine-readable recipient identifications;

wherein the recipient identification reader (3) is designed to read articles selected from the group consisting of :

magnetic cards, chip cards, and transponders.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The mobile data acquisition device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device includes an input unit (5) to enter a personal identification code.

4. (Previously Presented) The mobile data acquisition device as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the device includes a data processing unit to execute electronic payments.

5. (Previously Presented) The mobile data acquisition device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device includes a mobile radio unit.

6. (Previously Presented) The mobile data acquisition device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device includes a site-locating unit.

7. (Previously Presented) The mobile data acquisition device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device includes a data memory adapted to store identification-specific data.

8. (Previously Presented) The mobile data acquisition device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device includes a mechanical/electrical interface to set up communication with a data exchange station and/or a remote control.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The mobile data acquisition device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said input system is further adapted to receive biometric information from the recipient.

11. (Previously Presented) The mobile data acquisition device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising means for storing said machine-readable recipient identification

read via said recipient identification reader.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering an object to an individual, comprising the steps of:

providing a mobile data acquisition device, said mobile data acquisition device having a reader (2) and an input system, said reader being adapted to read machine-readable data apposed to the object to be delivered, said input system receiving data identifying a recipient of the object being delivered, wherein the input system is incorporated into a recipient identification reader (3) that is adapted to read machine-readable recipient identifications;

acquiring information on the object being delivered via the reader (2);

acquiring recipient identification information on the recipient via the recipient identification reader, said step of acquiring recipient identification information includes reading a machine readable object with the recipient identification reader; and,

storing said recipient identification information;

acquiring information on an addressee of the package; and,

confirming whether the recipient is the addressee by comparison of the information on the addressee of the package and the recipient identification information.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein said mobile data acquisition device further includes an input unit (5) for entering a personal identification code, and wherein the step of acquiring recipient identification

information includes a further step of inputting a personal identification code into the input unit.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, further including acquiring biometric information from the recipient.

15-18. (Cancelled)

19. (previously presented) A mobile data acquisition device for use in the delivery of objects, said mobile data acquisition device comprising:

a reader for reading machine-readable data apposed to an object to be delivered; and

an input system for receiving data identifying a recipient of the object being delivered, said input system being incorporated into a recipient identification reader, said recipient identification reader being adapted to read previously stored and authenticated machine-readable identification data from an identification article.

20. (previously presented) The mobile data acquisition device of claim 19 wherein the machine-readable identification data is text data.

21. (previously presented) The mobile data acquisition device of claim 19 wherein the identification article is a legally valid form of identification.

22. (previously presented) The mobile data acquisition device of claim 19 wherein the input system further includes a pressure-sensitive display to record a recipient's signature.

23. (previously presented) The mobile data acquisition device of claim 19 further including a numeric input unit.

24. (previously presented) The mobile data acquisition device of claim 19 wherein the recipient identification reader is designed to read identification articles selected from a group consisting of: credit cards, ID chip cards, drivers licenses, personal identifications with digital signatures and transponders.